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**UTILITY
PATENT APPLICATION
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(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.

TI-28032.1

First Inventor

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Title

SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE WITH FULLY SELF-ALIGNED LOCAL
INTERCONNECTS, AND METHOD FOR FABRICATING THE
DEVICE

Express Mail Label No.

EV053664846US

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents

ADDRESS TO:Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, DC 202311. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages **30**]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)

- Descriptive title of the Invention
- Cross Reference to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets **9**]5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages **2**]a. ☐ Newly Executed (original or copy)b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.767. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or
Computer Program (Appendix)8. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
(if applicable, all necessary)a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)

b. Specification Sequence Listing on:

i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); orii. ☐ paperc. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documents(s))10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☒ Power of Attorney11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)12. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations13. ☒ Preliminary Amendment14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)16. ☐ Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122
(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35
or its equivalent.17. ☐ Other:

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

☐ Continuation☒ Divisional☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior application No: 09/096,012

Prior application information:

Examiner

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Group / Art Unit: 2825

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2001

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| Application Number | TBD |
| Filing Date | |
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| Examiner Name | TBD |
| Group Art Unit | TBD |
| Attorney Docket No. | TI-28032.1 |

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- Deposit Account Name: Texas Instruments Incorporated
- ☐ Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27
2. ☐ Payment Enclosed:
- ☐ Check ☐ Credit card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

| Large Entity | | Small Entity | | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
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| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | | |
| 105 | 130 | 205 | 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee of oath | |
| 127 | 50 | 227 | 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 139 | 130 | 139 | 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 147 | 2,520 | 147 | 2,520 | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination | |
| 112 | 920* | 112 | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 113 | 1,840* | 113 | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 115 | 110 | 215 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 116 | 390 | 216 | 195 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 117 | 890 | 217 | 445 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 118 | 1,390 | 218 | 695 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 128 | 1,890 | 228 | 945 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 119 | 310 | 219 | 155 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 120 | 310 | 220 | 155 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 121 | 270 | 221 | 135 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 138 | 1,510 | 138 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 140 | 110 | 240 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 144 | 1,240 | 241 | 620 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 142 | 1,240 | 242 | 620 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 143 | 440 | 243 | 220 | Design issue fee | |
| 144 | 600 | 244 | 300 | Plant issue fee | |
| 122 | 130 | 122 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 123 | 130 | 123 | 130 | Petitions related to provisional applications | |
| 126 | 180 | 126 | 180 | Submission of information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 581 | 40 | 581 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 146 | 710 | 246 | 355 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a)) | |
| 149 | 710 | 249 | 355 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b)) | |
| 179 | 710 | 279 | 355 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
| 169 | 900 | 169 | 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | |
| Other fee (specify) | | | | | |

FEE CALCULATION

| 1. BASIC FILING FEE | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------------|----------|
| Large Fee Code | Entity Fee (\$) | Small Fee Code | Entity Fee (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
| 101 | 710 | 201 | 355 | Utility filing fee | \$740 |
| 106 | 320 | 206 | 160 | Design filing fee | |
| 107 | 490 | 207 | 245 | Plant filing fee | |
| 108 | 710 | 208 | 355 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 114 | 150 | 214 | 75 | Provisional filing fee | |
| SUBTOTAL (1) | | | | | (\$740) |

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

| Extra Claims | | Fee from below | | Fee Paid | |
|--------------------|----|----------------|---|----------|----|
| Total Claims | 13 | -20**= | 0 | X | 18 |
| Independent Claims | 3 | -3**= | 0 | X | 84 |
| Multiple Dependent | | | 0 | | 0 |

| Large Fee Code | Entity Fee (\$) | Small Fee Code | Entity Fee (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|---|----------|
| 103 | 18 | 203 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 | |
| 102 | 80 | 202 | 40 | Independent claims in excess of 3 | |
| 104 | 270 | 204 | 135 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid | |
| 109 | 80 | 209 | 40 | **Reissue independent claims over original patent | |
| 110 | 18 | 210 | 9 | **Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent | |
| SUBTOTAL (2) | | | | | (\$ 0) |

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